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Nucleic Acids .  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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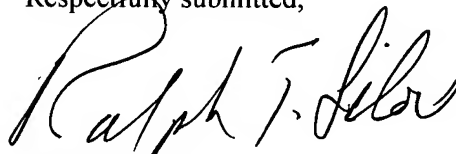
Preliminary to the examination of the above application, kindly amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, line 8, after the words "This application" insert the following:

"is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/379,888 filed August 23, 1999 which in turn"

The purpose of this amendment is to insert the reference to the co-pending parent application.

Respectfully submitted,



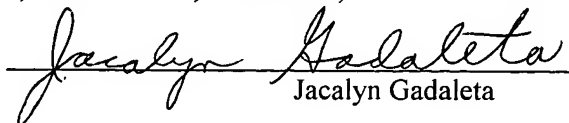
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